matter & we would
much like to send
off those cases that
are now finished &
thus get more room
for the others -
Trusting that I am
giving you too much
trouble I am
Yours very truly
Mary E. Bigelow

Cohasset,
Nov. 8nd.

Bigelow Mary E.
Nov. 3. 1898.

bBr 58.10.1

My dear Mr Brewster,
We would like to
get rid of the collection
of birds, (the Henry Bryant
collection) as soon as
possible - More than two
thirds of them are now
arranged in tin cases, &
they take up so much
room in Mrs Bryant's
house that it is rather
difficult to arrange the
rest. There are some
South American birds

left & all those kinds which come after the roots & seeds. Do you know of any young man whom we could get to assist with the final packing & arranging? My brother being in Jacksonville, my eldest son in Porto Rico, & my youngest son having been quite unable to work on them on account of illness, makes us

rather short handed at present. But although my son could not do as much real work the would be perfectly capable of looking around, who could do the work. He did not come to have it drag on much longer, mainly because my brothers told to hold at all things, for rather unwise unless the work

Bigelow, Mary, C.

Nov. 10, 1898.

COHASSET.

Dear Mr Brewster,

Thank you very much for your kind letter. My son prefers to have Mr Clark (whom he knows) to help with the birds so I have written to see if we can engage him for next Tuesday & Thursday mornings, the only

time they can give to the work. There are 7 large tin cases, & about as many small ones all ready, except as to packing them with something to prevent their shaking about, while being moved. When we get all these cases out we shall have more room in which to work on the remaining ones, probably 4 more large cases & 2 small ones —

I'm glad Hopkins to hear Cora from Fan that the room is ready, & I am very truly yours

Mary A. Bigelow

Cotchaset, Nov. 10 '12

Bigelow_Mary A.
Mar. 20, 1902.

Boston - 251 Commth Ave.
March 20th

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My dear Mr Brewster,
My son Henry
Bryant Bigelow, writes
me from Ceylon, to
inquire how his
collection of birds at
the museum in Cambridge
is getting on —
I find that Mr R
Heber Howe who
was working on them

has gone to Florida &
I am told that his
work has not been
satisfactory —
Will you Ruidoso this
one, if in your opinion
the birds might be
left safely in the
condition in which
they are until
Henry comes back in
June, & if not what
you would advise
my having done
to them? —
Please excuse my troubling
you, I do so, as I know
Henry has the highest
opinion of your knowledge,
on the subject & my
choice is also guided
from home —
Yours very truly
Thos. P. Rigdon.

Bigelow – Mary A.
Mar. 22, 1902.

My dear Mr Brewster

Thank you very much for answering my note so quickly. I shall write to Mr Howe, to do nothing further to the birds until his return, & also tell him that I hear there have been several errors of identification – which seems to me to be quite

inexcusable, as, finding himself at fault, he should have asked for advice from some one better informed than himself —

I will be much obliged if you will make a more thorough investigation & let me know the results — & if I do not hear to the contrary will presume that I may mention your name to Mr Howe, in connection with the Mistaken identification —

Yours very truly
Henry C. Bigelow

207 Commonwealth Ave.
Saturday morning —
March 22nd 1902 —

not wish to trust
him any more —
His knowledge appears
superficial & I can
only hope that his
mistakes do not run
through all the
collection —
With renewed thanks
I am Yours very truly
Mary C. Bigelow.

207 Comm. Ave.
March 27th —

Bigelow — Mary A.
Mar 27, 1902

251 Commonwealth Ave.

My dear Mr Brewster,
Thank you very much
for taking so much
trouble about Hemp
birds & for writing
me about Mr Helen
Howe's work. From
what you say, it
does indeed seem
to be extraordinary that
he should have so
little real knowledge,
on

a subject to which he has devoted so much time — I shall write him to do no more about the birds & simply say that I have heard through you of many mistakes of identification, & as it was for that purpose Henry had given him the work to do, it will be best to discontinue it — My impression is, that he has already been paid for his work — Henry thinking the work — to make a having asked him to make a [illegible] which I understood he is to do, & I suppose he is to do the final one — Of the first [illegible] that the Brewsters occurred after the mistakes occurred from carelessness, — Boyntonk, from Horne does not appear in a new or Odebrecht light & Schmitt

bBx 58.10.2

Bigelow, Mrs. Mary C.
Nov. 11, 1898

Recd Nov. 12.
I wrote the contents to Miss E. H. Clark & also wrote Mrs. Bigelow to let her & me know the day the cases will be sent.

My dear Mr Deane,
We shall hope to get most of the birds off in moth proof cases by the middle of the week — The large cases measure 29 inches wide, 50 inches high & the small ones 17 inches wide, 27 inches high. There are 7 large ones & 10 small ones now filled & we can probably about 4 more large ones & 1 small one — We shall hire a furniture car & have them moved to Cambridge directly, & will see that they reach Cambridge by three P. M. But we will send word definitely later just what day we shall send them —

Thanking you

for your letter,
I am
Yours very sincerely
Mary C. Bigelow.

Cohasset,
Nov. 11th.